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SUBJECT: ALLON INTERVIEW OCTOBER 27

1. US FOLLOWING IS FULL SUMMARY OF VERBATIM TRANSLATION BY
GOI PRESS OFFICE OF DEPUTY PRIMIN ALLON'S INTERVIEW ON
ISRAELI TELEVISION OCTOBER 27.

2. ALLON-REPLY

TO FIRST QUESTION WAS THAT WAR IS NO
REALLY OVER, SO LONG AS EGYPT AND SYRIA ARE RECEIVING NEW
WEAPONS AND CEASEFIRE NOT FULLY IN EFFECT. ASKED IF ISRAEL
HAD WON WAR, ALLON SAID YES, COMPARING ARAB STATES'

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PREPARATIONS AND AIMS WITH PRESENT SITUATION.

3. IN ANSWER TO THIRD QUESTION, ALLON SAID NO, A

BALANCE OF FORCES HAS NOT CHANGED, ALTHOUGH MUTUAL ESTIMATIONS ON BOTH SIDES MAY HAVE CHANGED. INHYAST# IY-ELIS TENDED TO DISMISS ARABS STRENGTH. LEARNING THIS WAR' LESSONS, ISRAEL WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE ABLE TO IN REASE ITS EDGE OVER ARABS.

4. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT IN ALL ARAB-ISRAELI WARS, CEASE-MURES CAME EARLY FROM ISRAELI VIEWPOINT, ALLON SAID THE CEASEFIRE NEVERTHELESS FOUND IDF IN FAVORABLE GEOGRAPHIC POSITION.

5. ASKED IF ISRAEL WOULD NOW BE SUBJECT TO PRESSURE, ALLON SAID THERE IS ISRAEL -EGYPT AND INTERNATIONAL ARGUMENT GOING ON ABOUT WHERE OCT 22 CEASESIRE LINES WERE. IDF HAD IN FACT ENCIRCLED THIRD EGYPTIAN ARMY BEFORE CEASEFCREDBUT IMPROVED ENCIRCLEMENT AFTERWARDS WHEN PROVOKED P EGYPTIANS. MOREOVER, "WE, I BELIEVE, CANNOT ALLOW OUR SEVES TO GIVE UP ANY OF THE GAINS WE ACHIEVED AS LONG AS THE FIGHTING WAS CONDUCTED AT THE EGYPTIANS' INITIATIVE, AS IT ACTUALLY WAS." AT ZAME TIME, ISRAEL IS PERMITTING HUMANITARIAN AID TO THIRD ARMY, AND DIRECT MILITARY CONTACT IS BEING CONSIDERED

TO FACILITATE THIS.

6. ALLON REPLIED TO NEXT QUERY THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS TRUE INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION HAD PRODUCED THIS MILITARY CONTACT, CONTACT WOULD BE DIRECT. ALLON HOPED MILITARY CONTACTS ABOUT CEASEFIRE WOULD DEVELOP INTO MILITARY-LEVEL TALKS ABOUT WHOLE MILITARY ASPECT, THESE TO BE FOLLOWED BY RESOLUTION 338 PEACE INVITATIONS. NOT ANSERING NEXT

QUESTION DIRECTLY ABOUT WHETHER UNEF WOULD HINDER TALS, ALLON REITERATED ISRAELI POSITION THAT UNEF SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPRISED OF CONTINGENTS ONLY FROM STATES HAVING RELATIONS WITH THESE PARTIES.

7. ASKED IF PRESENT CEASEFIRE LINES WOULD REMAIN UNTIL PEACE IS ESTABLISHED, ALLON SAID LINES ARE GOOD MILITARILY FOR ISRAEL. BEGIN QUOTE "NEVERTHELESS, IN ORDER TO TRY AND CONSIDER THE NEEDS OF A TRANSITION PERIOD AND PAREUCULARLY OUR OWN ASPIRATION TO GET TO THE STAGE OF PEACE TALKS, I WOULD

NOT OPPOSE EVEN AT THE FIRST STAGE, EVEN AS A FIRST STEP
IN CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES, FOR THE ARMIES
TO RETURN TO EITHER SIDE OF THE SUEZ CANAL AS THEY WERE
BEFORE THE OUTBURST OF HOSTILITIES, THAT IS THAT
THE EGYPTIANS RETURN TO THE WEST BANK AND ISRAEL RETURN

TO THE EAST BANK AND THAT THEY BE SEPARATED ON THE BANKS
OF THE CANAL BY AN INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY FORCE, TO
PREVENT FRICTION, INCIDENTS AND SHOOTINGS, END QUOTE

8. ASKED IF THIS WOULD BE GOOD FOR ISRAEL, HE SAID YES, AND
ALSO FOR EGYPT. BEGIN QUOTE "FOR DESPITE THEIR GREAT
MILITARY DEFEAT
WE SEE THAT IN THE VERY PGVIEBKDFOY YPB DHZ#
FORCES THERE, EVEN IN A SITUATION OF ENCIRCLEMENT OR PARTIAL
ENCIRCLEMENT, THEY CLFSM A KIND OF GREAT PSYCHOLOGICAL
VICTORY, AND IT IS

THAT THEY WILL NOT WANT TO GIVE
UP THIS PRESENCE, SO AS TO PROVITO THEIR PEOPLE AND TO OTHER
ARAB NATIONS THAT THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN OVERCOMING THE
"BARRIER OF FEAR" AS DEFINED BY HASSANIN HEIKAL, IN
SUCCEEDING TO BUILD /DOQN BRIDGEHEWDS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF
THE CANAL. IF THIS PRESENCE MAKES IT EASIER FOR THEM TO
FREE THEMSELVES
EME INFERIORITY COMPLEX WHICH, UNFORTUNATELY,
HAS ACCOMPANIED THEM, WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION, FOR SO MANY YEARS,
AND IF IT MAKES IT EASIERHMFOR THEM TO COME TO THE NEGOTIATING
TABLE, I WOULD BE WILLING FOR US TO RELATE TO THIS WITH SUFFFI

CIENT TOLERANCE SO LONG AS WE DO GET TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.
ZUT THE PHOOSAL MUST BE MABU TO SIC THETH." END QUOTE.

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9. ALLON ADDED SUCH PROPOSAL HAD NOT YET BEEN EXAMINED.

10. ALLON FIRMLY REJECTED SUGGESTION ISRAEL MWV BE BECOMING
US SATELLITE. ISRAEL SOMETIMES COWQLIED WITH US PROPOSAL

BECAUSE OF US APPEAL, SOMETIMES DID SO AFER GETTING TO

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